

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
OCTOBER 19, 2016**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

Call to Order. Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm called the roll.

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Council members:	
Gregory Schnarr	Present
John Bell	Present
David Hurst	Present
Earl Schmitt	Present
Kevin Manley	Present
Nancy Eckerle	Present
Dean Vonderheide	Present
City Attorney Renee Kabrick	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. All seven council members were in attendance which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes.

The following minutes were distributed to and examined by the Council:
September 21, 2016 regular common council meeting

A motion was made by Council member Dean Vonderheide and seconded by Council member John Bell to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

JCAC. Jasper Community Arts Commission member Pat Thyen attended the meeting on behalf of the Board.

PUBLIC HEARING VACATE ALLEY

Mayor Seitz opened the public hearing concerning the petition of John G. Weber Jr. to vacate a part of the platted 12 ft. public alley situated between Lots 74 and 75 in Summit Heights Addition.

A notice appeared in the Herald on October 8, 2016, was posted at city hall and was faxed to the news media.

Brad Eckerle with Brosmer Land Surveying and representing Mr. Weber showed an aerial view and displayed the plat of the area. He said Weber wants to construct a shed over the platted alley. Department heads did not have any issues with the vacation and the Utility Service Board gave a favorable recommendation.

Mayor Seitz then asked for comments from the public. No comments were received.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to close the public hearing. Motion carried 7-0 and the public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-24 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, VACATING A PUBLIC ALLEY

This ordinance vacates a part of the platted 12 ft. public alley situated between Lots 74 and 75 in Summit Heights Addition. [John G. Weber Jr petition]

A motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Dean Vonderheide and seconded by Council member John Bell to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2016-24. Motion carried 7-0.

REZONING PROPOSAL

Mayor Seitz said the council needs to consider the proposal from Keusch Kids, LLC and KAKB, LLC to rezone 8.505 acres of land located between Green Meadow Estates VI and Brookstone Estates IV from A-1 agriculture to R-R rural residential.

A notice of intent to consider this proposal was faxed to the news media and was posted at city hall.

Brad Eckerle with Brosmer Land Surveying and representing the petitioners said the plat for this area which is known as Brookstone Estates VI received primary approval from the Plan Commission. He then showed a drawing of the area and said they intend to petition to annex this area.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to accept the proposal to rezone the property and adopt the rezoning ordinance for such property. Motion carried 7-0.

The ordinance was referenced as Ordinance No. **2016-25**.

UTILITY SERVICE BOARD REPORT

General Manager of Utilities Gerald 'Bud' Hauersperger gave a report on the regular monthly Utility Service Board meeting held on October 17, 2016. A copy of the Utility Service Board minutes is supplied to each council member.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-18 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, FOR THE YEAR 2017

This ordinance contains the appropriations for the 2017 budget. A public hearing and first reading of the ordinance was held September 21, 2016

A motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to read the ordinance by title only on second reading. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to approve the ordinance on second reading. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Council member Dean Vonderheide and seconded by Council member John Bell to read the ordinance by title only on third and final reading. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2016-18 on third and final reading. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-19 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES AND FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION FOR THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

This ordinance shows the advertised property tax rate of 1.0126 for the 2017 budget. First reading of the ordinance was held September 21, 2016.

A motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member John Bell to read the ordinance by title only on second reading. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member David Hurst to approve the ordinance on second reading. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Council member John Bell and seconded by Council member David Hurst to read the ordinance by title only on third and final reading. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2016-19 on third and final reading. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-22 AN ORDINANCE AFFIXING SALARIES & WAGES FOR THE UTILITY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, FOR THE YEAR 2017

This ordinance sets maximum pay rates for utility employees for 2017.

A motion was made by Council member Dean Vonderheide and seconded by Council member John Bell to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Dean Vonderheide to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2016-22.

Under discussion General Manager of Utilities Gerald 'Bud' Hauersperger gave a recap of what was said at the October 17, 2016 Utility Service Board meeting when that Board considered a resolution regarding wages for utility employees for 2017. Other than a part time employee that was just hired, Hauersperger said there is one other permanent part time employee in the utilities and they want that position adjusted the 1.5% increase to match what the other utility employees that are full time are receiving for 2017. The amount listed in the salary ordinance for the Business Office Assistant-perm part time position includes the increase.

Mayor Seitz then called for the vote to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2016-22. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-23 AN ORDINANCE AFFIXING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR THE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THE CIVIL CITY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, FOR THE YEAR 2017

This ordinance sets maximum pay rates for civil city employees for 2017.

A motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member John Bell and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2016-23. Motion carried 7-0.

NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

Because the Wednesday, November 23, 2016 meeting falls on Thanksgiving Eve, it was suggested that meeting be moved to Tuesday, November 22, 2016. Since the 2017 City calendar is being prepared it was also suggested to move the November 2017 council meeting from Wednesday, November 22 to Tuesday, November 21.

A motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member David Hurst to move the November 2016 and 2017 council meetings to Tuesday, November 22, 2016 and to Tuesday, November 21, 2017. Motion carried 7-0.

2017 HOLIDAYS

A list of the 2017 City holidays, the date of the holiday, and the proposed date the holidays will be observed was presented. According to the employee handbook, the council approves what day the City will observe holidays that fall on a weekend.

A motion was made by Council member Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to approve the 2017 holiday schedule as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Council member Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved ____ with X without corrections or clarification this 22nd day of November, 2016.

Mayor Terry Seitz
Presiding Officer

Attest: _____
Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer